



# The Veterans Voice



# Vietnam War Memorial



American Legion Post 639 - 2660 South Scenic Ave. - Springfield, MO 65807 - (417) 882-8639

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*Members Newsletter*

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### *From the Post Commander:*

We have been busy around the Post. Thanks to Ron Jackson for fixing the electrical problems. They have been nagging us for sometime. Thanks to Rich Andrews for the donations of the freezer, the platters, the pickled eggs, barbecue sauce and the sweet relish. By the way, he has joined the Post. We still need more membership to come out and support the Post. We have the busiest Post in

Springfield. No other Post has so much going on. You would think the membership would be proud to come and support such a great place.

We have a new monument at our Post. It is a 16-inch training round from a battleship. We had a great discussion on where to put it. So far all we have done is roll it around on the side walk. More to come later on this later.

Don't forget the Veterans Ball on November 5th. Larry Tuck has tickets and says this will be the best ball yet.

We have Gregory L. McManus, CW5 (Ret) U.S. Army will be joining our Post. Gregory flew the cobra we have mounted in our yard. Gregory served in Vietnam and Iraq and I'm sure he will have some great stories. The Friend Masonic Lodge #352 from Nixa will be having a fund raiser on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm until??? Brats, hamburgers, chips and a cold drink for \$5.00. All come and make this a great fund-raiser. Don't forget our great kitchen. Come out for breakfast, lunch and our Friday Night Dinners. We are going to smoke Hams and



### *From the Ladies Auxiliary:*

Happy Harvest Days to everyone. Thank you so much to all who worked, ate and supported the Ladies Oktoberfest Friday Dinner last month! We are looking forward to an old fashioned chicken dinner this month on Friday, November 4th as well.

Our kids Halloween party was a great success. Thank you to all the little 'ghouls & boos'!

The ladies will also be hosting the Mt. Vernon veterans for breakfast & lunch on Saturday, November 5th. Entertainment will be graciously donated by Dave Anderson's band and a motorcycle escort will be provided by our members of the ALR. We would also like to thank Larry Candle for being so patient with us while learning to make the braided wrist bands. The ladies would like to wish everyone a warm Thanksgiving Day with family & friends. As always, our prayers go out to all our brothers & sisters of the Legion in their time of illness, sorrows & losses. Peace be with you. Always thinking ahead, December will be busy with a baked ham dinner, possible craft bizarre, and little black dress party.

To our new members, Dianna Brinker, Jennifer Gayda, Annette Grant, Beth Hill, Bula Patterson, Joyce Sanders, Georgetta Winger & Barbara Wise, we would like to send a hearty welcome as well as to all our renewing members.

***Jo Lena Shalla, President***



### Membership Report

Membership is going great for 2012. Please renew your 2012 memberships as soon as you are able. Currently, we have 408 out of 579 members renewed, making us at 70.47% for the year. Let's try and make it 100% before the end of year.

I would like to welcome some of our newest joined or transferred members: Kenneth Edge, Mike Goforth, Frank Gray, Robert Lindquist, Donald Robertson, Donald Schmidt, Wayne Warner, and Tom Williams. Welcome to Your Post. Sorry if I missed anyone in this list.

Our National Commander, Fang Wong, has announced a couple of membership incentives for 2011-2012. The first is the Super Eight Program. This pin, pictured above, is awarded to any Legion family member who signs up eight members. These can be any combination of new members, members transferring in, or current members who renew. And lastly is the Post Excellence Award. To qualify for the Post Excellence Award, a Post is required to achieve excellence in four areas: membership, youth activities, community service, and support to currently serving troops or veterans.

Thanks again for supporting your Post.

**Rusty Shalla, 1st Vice Commander**

### Membership Milestones

**30 YEARS:** Bruce Bell      **15 YEARS:** James Berry  
**25 YEARS:** Frank Denny    **10 YEARS:** Joe Watkins



### Adjutant Report

**Are you a Snowbird???**

Do you move between two different addresses each year?

Did you know that National can automatically change your address so that you never miss an issue of your Legion magazine, renewal notices or any other mail from National? If you would like to take advantage of this service, please let me know. Call me at (417) 496-5585.

**Dean Agnew, Adjutant**



### American Legion Riders:

The Fall riding season is a wonderful time of the year here in the Ozarks with the changing colors and brisk morning air. It makes your senses come alive as the bike sweeps through the curves in anticipation of what is around that curve.

The overnight group ride to Eureka Springs, AR was enjoyed by all that went, even by cage. The camp fire completed the day, Saturday, with lots of laughter and for some, a pajama party. Sunday was "you're on your own" for shopping, eating and being lazy. Everyone met back at the motel for the ride home.

Riders made it back to the Post in time for the monthly meeting which was kept short for the sports fans among us. Nominations for various positions were made and the election will be held at the November meeting. If anyone would like to serve the Chapter for the coming year, be at the next meeting to step up. There are lots of new and returning members with new ideas to keep the Chapter moving forward.

Ride safe and remember the deer are moving.

**Mark Jackson, A.L.R. Director**



*Unfortunately, it is with a sad heart to report to you all that we have lost one of our own.*

**Anthony Hall, USMC OEF Vet,** joined the American Legion almost 2 years ago and recently joined the Legion Riders. Anthony passed away Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from an accident on his motorcycle.

*Several of us attended his services in Bolivar and Goodsen, Missouri. Anthony's mother told us he had never felt more comfortable since returning from the Marine Corp as he has since he walked through the doors at Post 639, and especially since joining the ALR. Anthony saw the camaraderie amongst all of us that he wanted to become a part of our Legion Family.*

*We conveyed to his family on behalf of all of us that our thoughts and prayers are with her and the rest of Anthony's family in their time of sorrow and grief.*

**Anthony Hall:** October 22, 1986 - October 22, 2011

**From the Post's Veteran Service Office:**

First of all, I would like to thank our commander for having offered me this new position, at which time I felt honored and privileged to accept. I will do my best to connect with the many female veterans in our area to let them know that Post 639's motto, "Together then, Together now," applies to them also and we welcome them into our Legion family.

Starting in Jan. 2012, I will be facilitating our first **LEGIONS OF LOVE (LOL), WOMEN VETERANS SUPPORT GROUP**. The discussion groups will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6-8pm.

Membership is not required; confidentiality is. Let's reach out to each other and show some love.

For more info, contact the Post at 417-882-8639 and leave a name and number and I will get back to you. Happy Holidays!

**Vickie Studinski**

**Women's Veterans Service Officer**

**Veteran's Military Ball**

The 2011 Veteran's Military Ball will be held at the Elks Lodge 409, 2223 E. Bennett St., Springfield, Missouri, on Saturday, November 5th. You need not be a veteran or a member of the Elks to attend. The Ball is open to all who desire to attend to honor our veterans.

Cocktails will be served at 1730 hours (5:30 pm) with Dinner and Ceremony at 1900 hours (7 pm). This year's guest speaker will be LTC Timothy Atkins, Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

The dress is coat and tie, formal, or military dress with decorations. The price per person is \$25.00 which includes dinner, commemorative wine glass, dessert, and dancing. Reserved seating is available for tickets purchased prior to October 1st. For more information, contact Larry Tuck at either [sgm92@sbeglobal.net](mailto:sgm92@sbeglobal.net) or (417) 207-2123.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

As the days grow shorter every week it must be almost time to lower the tent at Post 639. It took several weeks longer than usual to get it raised last spring and here it is already to bring it down. I don't know if it will be worth repairing this winter again or not. It will cost us a lot of money to purchase a new or even a used one that size next year. Hopefully I can get the people that do the repairs on it, to have a look at it before we pull it down. I'll schedule a day to get it down a.s.a.p.



Several members have asked me about holding a bonfire to get rid of the accumulation of brush and limbs out near the 'hill'. With weather cooperating, I'll try to get a date scheduled to rid ourselves of this big pile and have a clear spot to begin collecting again for next year.



I want to give a big pat on the back to Charlotte Kelly for the outstanding job she has done on the Rose Garden this year. She has donated an untold number of hours getting the garden looking fantastic. Thanks, Charlotte. The roses also compliment the mums that Mary Foss provided for the front of the building.

One last 'thank you', goes out to Leonard Meese, for taking the initiative to dump the trash barrels that I had let get past the point of being full.

As always, if you see anything that needs repair or attention let me or one of the bar staff know.

**Ron Jackson**



**REMEMBER**  
**Veterans Day**  
**Friday, November 11th**

**Fly your flag and be proud!!!**



# NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Legion &amp; Aux. Gen. Meetings Dinner: 6pm Meeting: 7pm</i>  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	2  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	3  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	4 <i>Chicken Dinner by the Auxiliary 6pm to 9pm</i> Bingo: 6:30pm  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	5 <i>Veterans Parade - 11am Veterans Ball 5pm @ Elks</i>  Breakfast: 7-11
6  <i>Daylight savings time begins.</i>  <i>Fall back! Turn your clocks back 1 hour.</i>	7  Lunch: 11-2	8  <i>SAL General Meeting: 6pm</i>  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	9  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	10  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	11 <i>All-U-Can-Eat Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs Dinner 6-9pm</i> Bingo: 6:30pm  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	12  Breakfast: 7-11
13	14  Lunch: 11-2	15  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	16  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	17  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	18 <i>Catfish Dinner by the SAL 6pm to 9pm</i>  Bingo: 6:30pm  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	19  <i>Sub Vets 2pm</i>  Breakfast: 7-11
20  <i>ALR Meeting 5:00 pm</i>	21  Lunch: 11-2	22  <i>40/8 @ 6pm At Post 69</i>  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	23  <i>Deadline for Newsletter.</i>  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	24   <i>Dinner by SAL 2-5pm</i>  <i>No Breakfast or Lunch</i>	25  <i>No Fri. dinner today due to Holiday</i>  Bingo: 6:30pm  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	26  Breakfast: 7-11
27	28  <i>E-Board 6:30 pm</i>  Lunch: 11-2	29  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	30  Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2			



### Bar Report:

Hello all. I hope this finds everyone well. Fall is here and not enough of it as winter comes too quickly.

Don't forget all the dinners this month every Friday night, 6-9pm. Someone will be fixing dinner and all can use the support so come out and eat and socialize while supporting your Post. Come out and eat Breakfast or Lunch with us or just come out and have a beverage but just come out and support your Post and it will be our pleasure to serve you and good to visit with you.

If you have not been to the Post lately, we now have THREE large flat screen TV's mounted in the bar area for your viewing pleasure. Each one has its own designated satellite receiver box. So come out and watch your favorite program. Or for you sports enthusiasts, you can watch up to 3 different games at the same time. Come out and enjoy watching and cheering for your favorite college or NFL football team on one TV, and also your favorite NASCAR driver on another.

Veterans Day is the 11th and I just want to say, "THANK YOU," to my son as well as each and everyone of you that served and sacrificed so that we could have this life as we know it, and for that, I am forever grateful.

The Veterans Day Parade is Saturday the 5th and we meet here as always then head down to take our place in the parade. Just wanted to say we are thinking about our friends Tom & Josephine Mabrey and keeping them in our prayers, as well as Bill Evans' lovely wife who has been ill. We are hoping only the best for you all.

One last thing. For those going outside to smoke, the north exit door (next to the outside stage) is the only approved area to take your 'adult beverages' with you according to our liquor license. Please help us comply.

As always we do appreciate your business and hope to see you soon. Thank you

**Connie Johnston, Manager**



### Kitchen Report:

Starting on Tuesday, November 1st, the *Jack-Wagon Café* will have a full lunch menu every day!!! Everything we have been serving through the week will be available to you. In addition to that, we have expanded our menu to accommodate your taste buds and growling bellies.

Now for our breakfast menu, watch for possible additions or possible specials in the future as more and more people are coming out.

REMEMBER...When the kitchen is open at 7am, so is the bar!!! For those who work 3rd shift and looking to stop somewhere, WE ARE OPEN!!!

I would also like to thank to those who helped me reorganize, revamp, and clean the kitchen from top to bottom. It was amazing to find out that some of our equipment is actually stainless and NOT black! I don't think the health inspector will even recognize this place.

Don't forget about dinners on Friday nights, except for Thanksgiving weekend, as the Sons will be providing dinner on Thanksgiving day.

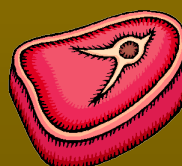
**Mark Reed, Head Chef @ the 'Jack-Wagon Café'**

## JACK-WAGON CAFE'



**Breakfast served  
7am to 11am  
Tuesday to Saturday**

**Lunch served  
11am to 2pm  
Monday to Friday**



**Dinner served  
6pm to 9pm  
Every Friday**

**See back cover for menu & prices!!!**



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**Breakfast: Tuesday to Saturday, 7am to 11am**

2 Eggs (made to order)	2 Eggs (made to order)	2 Eggs (made to order)
Bacon or Sausage	Bacon or Sausage	Bacon or Sausage
Biscuit or Toast	Biscuits & Gravy	Pancakes
Hash Browns	Coffee	Coffee
Coffee \$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.50

Ham & Cheese Omelet  
Toast or Biscuit  
Hash Browns  
Coffee \$4.50

**Side Orders: \$1.00 each**  
Orange Juice, Milk, Biscuit,  
Pancakes (2), Hash Browns,  
Bacon (2), or Sausage (2)

**Lunch: Monday to Friday, 11am to 2pm, \$5.00**

Pork Tenderloin Sandwich	Grilled Chicken Salad
Pulled Pork Sandwich	Jack Wagon Burgers
Rib Eye Sandwich	<u>Toppings:</u> Bacon, Mushrooms,
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	American or Swiss Cheese, & more

**Sides:** French Fries, Chips, Cole Slaw or side Salad

**Friday Special Only:**

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

**Dinners: Friday, 6pm to 9pm**

November 4th: Ladies Aux. Chicken Dinner \$7.50  
November 11th: ALR Spaghetti Dinner \$7.50  
November 18th: S.A.L. Catfish Fry Dinner \$7.50  
November 28th: No Dinner (day after Turkey Day)



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**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**

Pull Tabs start at 4:30 PM  
Early Bird starts at 6:30 PM  
Guaranteed Pay-out will be \$ 3,600  
Plus Progressive & Pull Tabs  
Bingo is back at 2032 West Bennett Street

If you can't help work BINGO, come out and Play!

**Bingo Supports Your Post!!!**